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SUBJ: EFFECTS OF GRAVEL LONG AMENDMENT ON TRADE WITH CSSR

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1. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE GRAVEL-LONG AMENDMENT UPON OUR TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. WE WOULD LIKE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ASAP CONCERNING THE LIKELY OFFICIAL REACTION OF THE CZECHOSLOVAKIAN GOVERNMENT TO US PARTICIPATION IN THE 17TH INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING FAIR. SPECIFICALLY, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, WILL REACTION TO LONG-GRAVEL AMENDMENT, AS REPORTED REFTEL, CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR OR SIGNIFICANTLY RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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DUCE BENEFIT OF USG PARTICIPATION IN THE FALL FAIR?

AT THIS TIME USDOC HAS NO RPT NO PLANS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM FAIR.

3. A RECENT ISSUE OF THE BRNO TRADE FAIR NEWS STATES THAT THE 17TH ENGINEERING FAIR WILL FOCUS ON MACHINE TOOLS AND FORMING MACHINES AND THAT EXHIBITORS OF THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE GIVEN PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. PLEASE ADVISE EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT BY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. IS IT A MISTAKE TO EXHIBIT PROCESS CONTROLS THIS YEAR? IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF THE PROCESS CONTROL INSTRUMENTS THAT WOULD BE DISPLAYED WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO THE MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY. IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO RECRUIT A MACHINE TOOL EXHIBITION BECAUSE LONGER LEAD TIME IS NEEDED BY EXHIBITORS TO PREPARE FOR DISPLAYS OF MACHINE TOOLS. KISSINGER

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